

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend Claim 1 as indicated in the following Listing of Claims. Please cancel Claims 2, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 16, and 18.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing a patterned flexible linoleum sheet material comprising the steps of:

dispersing at least one type of linoleum mixed mass particles onto at least one side of a rolled linoleum sheet; and

substantially warp-free pressing the linoleum mixed mass particles into the rolled linoleum sheet such that the particles are not substantially distorted;

cutting the rolled linoleum sheet;

rotating the rolled linoleum sheet 90°;

stacking the rolled linoleum sheet into a scale-like sheet stack; and

rolling the sheet stack into a pattern providing sheet;

wherein the linoleum mixed mass particles comprise a smaller proportion of linoleum cement than the rolled linoleum sheet;

wherein the linoleum mixed mass particles are present in the form of a granular dispersion; and

wherein the linoleum mixed mass particles are unicolored particles, multicolored particles, or combinations thereof.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The process of Claim 1, wherein the rolled linoleum sheet having dispersed and pressed-in mixed mass particles is processed directly as a pattern-providing sheet into a flexible linoleum material.

4. (Previously presented) The process of Claim 1, wherein the particles are pressed into the linoleum sheet by means of a pressing tool.

5. (Previously presented) The process of Claim 1, wherein the rolled linoleum sheet is unicolored, marbled or speckled.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein the linoleum mixed mass particles are dispersed onto both sides of the rolled linoleum sheet.

8-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The process of Claim 1, wherein the rolled linoleum sheet is unicolored or multicolored.

18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A process for producing a patterned flexible linoleum sheet material comprising the steps of:

dispersing at least one type of mixed mass particles onto at least one side of a rolled linoleum sheet having no backing sheet; and

substantially warp-free pressing the mixed mass particles into the rolled linoleum sheet such that the particles are not substantially distorted;

cutting the rolled linoleum sheet;

rotating the rolled linoleum sheet 90°;

stacking the rolled linoleum sheet into a scale-like sheet stack; and

rolling the sheet stack into a pattern providing sheet;

wherein the mixed mass particles comprise a smaller proportion of linoleum cement than the rolled linoleum sheet; and

wherein the mixed mass particles are unicolored particles, multicolored particles, or combinations thereof.